

## Applying It In My Life .....Group time - 15 minutes

1. Where in your experience have you seen false teaching? What was tempting to believe about it? How did you recognize it as false?
2. How can you tell when a teaching is of God or of man?
3. What are some specific protective measures you need to take to better prepare for the false teachers you are likely to encounter?

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## **Warnings of False Teachers**

*1 John 2:18-27*

### **Psalm 119:99, 102-104**

<sup>99</sup> *I have more understanding than all my teachers,  
for your testimonies are my meditation.*

<sup>102</sup> *I do not turn aside from your rules,  
for you have taught me.*

<sup>103</sup> *How sweet are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth!*

<sup>104</sup> *Through your precepts I get understanding;  
therefore I hate every false way.*

## Prayer Time .....Group time - 15 minutes

*Lord, thank you for revealing to me the truth of your Son, Jesus, by your Word and by Your Spirit. Guard me and guard my church against false teaching. Help us to seek out your truth and to defend it with grace and love.*

# GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

Week of May 21, 2017

## Getting Started .....Group time - 20 minutes

1. Have you, or someone close to you, ever been scammed? What happened and how did it make you feel?
  
2. Have you ever realized that one of your spiritual beliefs wasn't true? What happened to make you realize you were wrong?

FOR GROWTH GROUP TIME

## Getting Into God's Word .....Group time - 40 minutes

### Read 1 John 2:18-23

1. What is an "antichrist"? What was their connection to the church to whom John is writing?
  
2. Why is it that they "went out from us"? What role does church membership have in assurance of salvation?

3. According to verses 22-23, what were the false teachers denying about Jesus? What does this tell us about them?

### Read 1 John 2:24-27

4. What two protections do Christians have to guard us from being swayed by false teachers? Why do we need both?
  - 2:20,27 –
  - 2:24 –
5. If we "all... know the truth" (v20) and "do not need anyone to teach" us (v27) because of our anointing, does this mean that we don't need preachers and Bible teachers? Why or why not?  
**Read also: Ephesians 4:11-13**
6. What positive instruction does John give believers in the midst of false teachers?

### Read Matthew 16:13-23

7. In the span of a few verses, Peter makes an insightful, God-honoring comment and a devilishly inspired comment. What does this teach us about our need to be discerning?